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BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268–0001

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POSTAL RATE AND FEE CHANGES, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF PITNEY BOWES,INC. REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS MEEHAN (PB/USPS-T11-24)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness

Tayman to the following interrogatory of Pitney Bowes, Inc.: PB/USPS-T11-24, filed on

March 7, 2000, and redirected from witness Meehan.

The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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RESPONSE OF WITNESS TAYMAN TO INTERROGATORIES OF OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE (Redirected from witness Meehan, USPS-T11-24)

PB/USPS-T11-24. Please provide the productive hourly wage rate for clerks and mailhandlers in FY 1998, FY 1999, and the rate that was used in the roll-forward model for Test Year 2001.

Response:

As shown in Chapter VIIIe, pages 440 and 441 of LR-I-127, the Hourly Wage

Rates for Clerks & Mailhandlers are as follows:

FY 1998: \$24.880

FY 1999: \$25.898

FY 2000: \$26.953

TY 2001 BR: \$27.974

TY 2001AR: \$27.970.

DECLARATION

I, William P. Tayman, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

William P. To

Dated: 3-21.2040

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

Scott L. Reiter

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